

official patronage to be used to overthrow the cause. (To Levi Lincoln, 1802. F. VIII., 176.)

OFFICES.—I have always considered the control of the Senate as meant to prevent any bias or favoritism in the President towards his own relations, his own religion, towards particular States, etc., and perhaps to keep' very obnoxious persons out of offices of the first grade. But in all subordinate cases I have ever thought that the selection made by the President ought to inspire a general confidence that it has been made on due inquiry and investigation of character, and that the Senate should interpose their negative only in those particular cases where something happens to be within their knowledge against the character of the person and unfitting him for the appointment. (To the Secretary of the Treasury, 1803. F. VIIL, 211.)

OFFICES.—Had you hundreds to nominate, instead of one, be assured they would not compose for you a bed of roses. You would find yourself in most cases with one loaf and ten wanting bread. Nine must be disappointed, perhaps become secret if not open enemies. The transaction of the great interests of our country costs as little trouble or difficulty. There the line is plain to men of some experience. But the task of appointment is a heavy one indeed. He on whom it falls may envy the lot of a Sisyphus or Ixion. Their agonies were of the body— this of the mind. Yet, like the office of hangman, it must be executed by some one. It has been assigned to me and made my duty. I made up my mind to it, therefore, and abandon all regard to consequences. (To Larkin Smith, 1804. F. VIIL, 337-)

OFFICES.—No man who has conducted himself according to his duties would have anything to fear from me as those who have done ill would have nothing to hope, be their political principles what they might. The obtaining an appointment presents new difficulties. The Republicans have been excluded from all offices from the first origin of the division into Republican and Federalist. They have a reasonable claim to vacancies